

Calc 3

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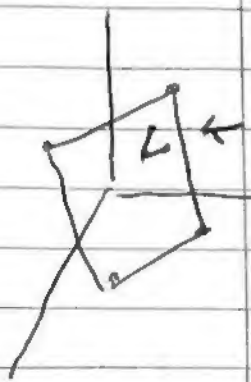
Dot Product

$\vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = 0$ when orthogonal

12.4: Cross product

* Everything today is in \mathbb{R}^3

Goal - Given two vectors, construct a third (ideally orthogonal to both)



To find a vector perpendicular to the plane, we find one perpendicular to the two vectors on the plane.

How? Let $\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3)$, $\vec{v} = (v_1, v_2, v_3)$

and desired vector $\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3)$.

\vec{w} must be orthogonal to both \vec{u} and \vec{v} .

① $0 = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u} = w_1 u_1 + w_2 u_2 + w_3 u_3$

② $0 = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{v} = w_1 v_1 + w_2 v_2 + w_3 v_3$

Multiply eq. 1 by v_3 and eq. 2 by u_3 to get two new equations

①* $0 = w_1(u_1 v_3) + w_2(u_2 v_3) + w_3(u_3 v_3)$

②* $0 = w_1(v_1 u_3) + w_2(v_2 u_3) + w_3(u_3 v_3)$

Subtracting 2* from 1*

$0 = v_3(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{u}) - u_3(\vec{w} \cdot \vec{v})$

$0 = w_1(u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1) + w_2(u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2)$

$= -w_1(-u_1 v_3 + u_3 v_1) + w_2(u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2)$

Solution: $w_1 = u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2$

$w_2 = -(u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1)$

Plugging in to initial problem yields $w_3 = u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1$

[Aside] easiest solution to $-ax + by = 0$ is $x = b, y = a$

The solution assumes $u_3 \neq 0$

$$\vec{w} = (w_1, w_2, w_3) \\ = (u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2, -(u_1 v_3 - u_3 v_1), u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1)$$

Exercise

→ To verify, check if dot products = 0

→ Linear Algebra approach - determinants

Def. The determinant of a 2×2 matrix is $ad - bc$

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

& Det of a 3×3 matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a \begin{vmatrix} e & f \\ h & i \end{vmatrix} - b \begin{vmatrix} d & f \\ g & i \end{vmatrix} + c \begin{vmatrix} d & e \\ g & h \end{vmatrix}$$

ex. $\det \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$1(\det \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}) = (-1 + 2) = 1$$

The vector is a symbolic determinant

$$\vec{u} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow i(u_2 v_3 - v_2 u_3) - j(u_1 v_3 - v_1 u_3) \\ \vec{v} \rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{vmatrix} \rightarrow +k(u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1)$$

$$\langle (u_2 v_3 - u_3 v_2), -(u_1 v_3 - v_1 u_3), (u_1 v_2 - u_2 v_1) \rangle$$

Cross product of \vec{u} with \vec{v} is
and ~~this~~ is orthogonal to both vectors.

Cross product uses two vectors in \mathbb{R}^3 to produce a vector in \mathbb{R}^3

Properties of the cross product

Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w} \in \mathbb{R}^3$, and $c \in \mathbb{R}$

① $\vec{u} \times \vec{v} = -(\vec{v} \times \vec{u})$

② $(c\vec{u}) \times \vec{v} = c(\vec{u} \times \vec{v})$

③ $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \times \vec{v} + \vec{u} \times \vec{w}$

④ $(\vec{u} + \vec{v}) \times \vec{w} = \vec{u} \times \vec{w} + \vec{v} \times \vec{w}$

⑤ $\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w}$

⑥ $\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) = (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{v} - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{w}$

Geometric properties

① $\vec{u} \times \vec{v}$ is orthogonal to both vectors

② $|\vec{u} \times \vec{v}|$ is $|\vec{u}| |\vec{v}| \sin(\theta)$

③ parallel if cross product $= \vec{0}$